

Comparing Bill Statistics to Last Session

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The *Austin-American Statesman* recently reported "[Legislators filing fewer bills this session.](#)" Here is a look at the numbers in comparison to a similar period last session, 45 days into session, or, 3/4 of the way to the 60-day bill filing deadline (Friday, March 8 for the 83rd R.S.)

Bills & Joint Resolutions	82nd Regular Session (Nov. 8, 2010-Feb. 24, 2011)	83rd Regular Session (Nov. 12, 2012-Feb. 21, 2013) *	% change
House filed	1,886	1,673	-11.29%
Senate filed	940	720	-23.40%
Total filed	2,826	2,393	-15.32%
House referred to committee	970	1,188	22.47%
Senate referred to committee	745	588	-21.07%
Total referred to committee	1,715	1,776	3.56%
House scheduled for hearing	19	78	310.5%
Senate scheduled for hearing	34	109	220.59%
Total scheduled for hearing	53	187	252.83%
House reported out of committee* *	7	1	-85.71%
Senate reported out of committee	16	33	106.25%
Total reported out of committee	23	34	47.83%

* As of 2pm on Feb. 21, 2013.

* * According to [Texas Constitution, Article 3, Section 5](#), during the first 60 days of the legislative session, only emergency matters and emergency appropriations can be considered on the House floor. During the 82nd Regular Session in 2011, Governor Rick Perry designated [six](#) emergency matters; this session there have been no emergency matters and there has been one emergency supplemental appropriations bill ([HB 10](#)).